

## Baker Sockeye Fisheries Fact Sheet

**Background:** WDFW held two public meetings on 11/1/2014 and 1/31/2015 to receive input on the management of Baker Sockeye fisheries. At the meetings, constituents were able to voice their opinions to fisheries managers on how WDFW could best meet the established conservation goals, as well as meeting the needs of anglers through management changes. At the conclusion of the meetings, attendees reached consensus on several key fishery regulations they would recommend to be implemented for the 2015 season. These recommendations include: season start/end dates, river harvest quotas, and daily limits. The details provided below serve as a starting place for the 2015 North of Falcon Baker sockeye discussions. We are still accepting public input on how to proceed with the 2015 Baker Sockeye fishing season and you are encouraged to submit any comments you may have, online at: [wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/northfalcon/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/northfalcon/)

### 1) **2015 Forecast**

The 2015 Baker sockeye preseason forecast is for 46,268 sockeye. After setting aside the necessary fish for broodstock needs, natural spawning, and test fishing, 18,986 harvestable fish remain in the state's half of the harvestable share (Total Harvestable share = 37,972).

### 2) **Outcome of Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Baker Sockeye workshop – Season Start/End Dates and Bag Limits**

At the end of the second Baker Sockeye workshop on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, the meeting attendees agreed upon the following regulations recommendations for the 2015 Baker sockeye season:

#### **Skagit River Fishery**

River Share: 20% of state share (18,986 Share \* 0.20 = 3,797)

Season Dates: June 16 – July 15 or when the river fishery quota is reached

Daily limit: 3 fish

Requests to extend the area of the Skagit River fishery, depending on monitoring costs

#### **Baker Lake Fishery**

Lake Share: 80% of state share (18,986 Share \* 0.80 = 15,189)

Season Dates: July 10 – Sept. 8

Daily limit: Runsize dependent (30,000 forecast = 3 fish; 40,000 = 4 fish; 50,000 = 5 fish; 60,000 = 6 fish);

Ability to update bag limits after run is updated from in-season update (ISU) model.

For a full summary of the notes and presentations from both Baker Sockeye Workshops please go to:

[wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/salmon/sockeye/baker\\_river.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/salmon/sockeye/baker_river.html)